

CPTED Ontario Newsletter

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President's Letter to the Membership

2013 marked the return of the annual CPTED Ontario Conference to the Greater Toronto area (GTA). The conference was a first given that the selection of the York University venue represented the first time the conference had been ever held in the City of Toronto. It also marked the return of a two day format, the first in many years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our host, York University, our speakers and our conference attendees for making the conference a success. In particular, I would like to thank those attendees who travelled from well beyond their areas including a number of

Ottawa Police Service and Ontario Provincial Police officers. I would also like to thank the many Board members who worked behind the scenes to organize the event and all the attendees who took the time to complete the conference survey. Your feedback helps to validate our efforts (over 80% of respondents were satisfied with the conference) and make improvements for the future.

Finally, we have posted the conference presentations on the member's only section of the web-site and included a gallery of photos in this edition of the newsletter. Now a look at 2014. CPTED Ontario is conducting a very brief Social Media survey in advance of plans to build a new

web-site. I would like to thank those who have taken the time to complete the survey and urge anyone who plans to complete the survey to do so at this time. The survey should take no more than a minute or two and can be accessed by following this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VNYZP7M>. 2014



Tom McKay
President, CPTED Ontario

It's renewal time

Some of you will be receiving renewal notices over the next few weeks. You will notice that the individual membership rate is now \$50 for a 2 year period with the corporate rate set at \$400. Corporate rates are advantageous for those organizations who wish to designate at least eight members. There is no need to renew your membership, if you have not received a notice.

Tell us your stories

Working on a CPTED project? Know of a good source of CPTED information? Got an interesting or funny CPTED picture? You can share your CPTED information and experience by writing an article for our (mostly) quarterly newsletter. Just send us your comments, copy or pictures to info@cptedontario.ca.



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Comings and Goings . . .

John Gwozdowski

John Gwozdowski, Principal of Stile Architects has left the Board after 3 years of service. John had a long history of contributing his expertise for the betterment of CPTED as he previously sat on the Peel CPTED Committee's working group on Automated Banking Machines. This resulted in a chapter dedicated to that topic in the Peel CPTED Committee's Principles document.

Wayne Nishihama

Wayne Nishihama, one of the Founding Directors of CPTED Ontario, left the City of Mississauga after thirty eight years in which he served as the Manager of Urban Design.

During his time at Mississauga, Wayne took the initiative to implement CPTED into the planning process and made it part of the City's Official and Strategic Plans. In 1996, he formed and chaired the Mississauga CPTED

Advisory Committee, consisting of all City departments, Peel Police and Safe City Mississauga. The committee's mandate is to create a sense of a safe community for the citizens of Mississauga by utilizing CPTED strategies and techniques. In addition, Wayne was also instrumental for training staff to implement CPTED concepts on a corporate basis throughout the City of Mississauga.

He created the Mississauga CPTED Principles document which provides the City with principles and strategies to create a safer and more livable City. The document enhances the awareness of safety and provides a better understanding of urban well-being amongst the citizens of Mississauga.

In 1999, the City of Mississauga hosted the International CPTED Association Conference in which attracted over 300 delegates from all over the world showcasing the CPTED work of the city, province and country. In 2001, the City of Mississauga stepped forward and hosted the CPTED Ontario Inaugural Workshop to help launch the association.

In addition, Wayne is involved in the

CPTED training for the police and planning and design professionals and has conducted a number of CPTED presentations and lectures, locally and internationally.

In 1996, Wayne received a Civilian Citation from the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Services Board for his contribution in the development of CPTED in the Peel Region. In 2001, Wayne received the Public Practice Award from the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects, recognizing his outstanding leadership in public practice.

The net result of Wayne's work is that the City of Mississauga is considered the safest large city in Canada and will continue to grow into a safe and liveable city in the future.

Recently, Wayne opened his own consulting practice under WGN Collaborative, specializing in landscape architecture, urban design and CPTED.

CPTED Ontario Conference 2014

A one-day conference is currently being planned for the City of Brantford during the week of October 13th. Brantford is located due west from the western tip of Lake Ontario and is currently experiencing a revitalization of its downtown core. This year's conference will build on one of last year's sessions which examined Creating a new university campus in a downtown core. The conference is sure to resonate with anyone living in a community where its downtown core has struggled in recent years.

What's New?

STARPATH Asphalt Resurfacing

Imagine a paved walkway that glows in the dark lessening the need for an external light source while providing for improved way finding. Well, such a product has been developed by Pro-Teq Surfacing (UK) Ltd. and is being tested in the United Kingdom.

The product known as STARPATH is a spray-on liquid that allows an aggregate material to absorb and store energy from ambient light during the day and release it at night. It has currently been applied to a well-known



Blacked out woman on a Pro-Teq path

park in Cambridge, England where the ultraviolet particles contained in the liquid cause the walk to glow an iridescent blue at night. "It is thought technology could one day replace streetlamps as a cheaper and more energy efficient form of lighting" according to an article that appeared in the Telegraph (www.telegraph.co.uk/news).

The coating also provides a number of other benefits given that it waterproofs and improves traction, helping to provide a non-slip surface. It is further believed that given time, the firm will develop other colours that could be used to differentiate cyclist paths from those of pedestrians and others.

Web Site Link

CPTED Ontario would like to welcome Niagara Regional Police who are now linked to our web-site. You can check it out at <http://www.niagarapolice.ca/en/community/Crime-Prevention-Through-Environmental-Design--CPTED-.asp>

Should Window Blinds Be Considered An Open and Shut Case?

I recently had a question posed to me by an experienced security professional, asking my opinion with respect to the presentation of residential window blinds given a concern for home burglary. His concern centred around the issue of “window shopping”, arguing that open blinds would make it easy for a would be thief.

This was in stark contrast to another member of the household who preferred open blinds in order to maximize light. The issue quickly boiled down to a CPTED question and that’s where

I came in.

For my money, I tend to favour blinds that can open at a 45 degree angle as this provides for natural surveillance and in the process, hopefully, discourages trespassing or worse.

I strongly believe that tightly closed blinds during day-time hours presents a ‘nobody’s home’ appearance that suggests the home owner is away. As this could be interpreted as a good ‘environmental cue’ from the offender’s perspective, I would definitely not support it. Further, I believe that it makes for a dreary, if not depressing, environment for day-time users of the residence who

might otherwise find themselves at home.

The same can be said for evening hours where blinds open at a 45 degree angle provide a necessary balance between surveillance and privacy. It is during the hours of dark, however, that I have no objection to completely closing the blinds should the homeowner wish to do so. A lit and fully exposed room should generally be avoided at night.

So you can see that the case for using window blinds should generally not be regarded as an open and shut case.

Tom McKay

The \$64,000 CPTED Question

If CPTED were a game show, the question of accreditation would serve as the basis for the \$64,000 question. This is because the answer to the question of “certification” remains very elusive in the absence of a generally accepted standard, the lack of which has taken on some urgency as some private American companies have begun to fill the void.

The issue as I see it comes down to credibility. What standard has been met and what makes its conveyance credible? This is for me at least, the \$64,000 question. I would welcome your thoughts in advance of sharing my answer.

Tom McKay

CPTED Ontario Zone 1 Meeting

**Notice of Zone meeting
UrbanArts
5 Bartonville Ave. E.,
Toronto**

**Friday, February 7th, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Join us for the CPTED Ontario Zone meeting at UrbanArts, 5 Bartonville Ave. E., Toronto for a tour of their site followed by a discussion on how CPTED could be used to improve their security. Others are also welcome to present a project that they would like CPTED input on or share the details of a CPTED project.

If you have a project you would like to present and/or would like to attend the meeting, please rsvp Tom McKay (905-453-2121, ext. 4025) or contact him at info@cptedontario.ca by Feb. 3rd.

For further information on UrbanArts, check out their web-site at:
www.urbanartstoronto.org

Photo Gallery



Delegates enjoy the 2013 CPTED Ontario Conference at York University



*Kathleen Llewellyn Thomas, COO,
Toronto Community Housing*

*Chris Wong, Director,
Transportation and Master Planning,
York University*





*Sabina Ali, Project Coordinator,
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Panel at the Session on CCTV



*Dragan Spasojevic, Manager
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2014/15 CPTED Ontario Membership Application/Renewal Form

CPTED Ontario is dedicated to reducing the fear and incidence crime as well as improving the quality of life by promoting the implementation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in Canada. CPTED Ontario was conceived and developed to provide a venue for like-minded people to meet, regularly interact and share their CPTED and professional experience. CPTED Ontario members come from a variety of disciplines including law enforcement, government, the planning and design professions, the security industry and the academic world.

Benefits of becoming a CPTED Ontario member included:

- ✓ access to our web site and password protection to internal directory of practitioners,
- ✓ regular zone meetings,
- ✓ quarterly newsletters,
- ✓ networking with other professions that share common needs and concerns, and
- ✓ \$25.00 off registration costs for the annual CPTED Ontario Conference .

To become a member of CPTED Ontario simply fill out the membership form below:

2014/15 CPTED Ontario Membership Form

I/We wish to become a: (Choose one) New Application Renewal

Corporate Member \$400.00

Individual Member \$50.00

Student Member \$10.00

Do you wish your information posted on the web site? Yes No



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2014/15 memberships are valid to December 31, 2015

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Name: _____

Organization: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

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